Opening of an agricultural farm in Shertallai taluk.

81. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the necessity of opening an agricultural farm in Shertallai taluk with the aim of opening a new scientific cultivation of cocoanut palms?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The question of opening a Government agricultural farm in Shertallai will be considered when funds become available.

Additional accommodation for the English High School, Neyyattinkara.

82. **MR. N K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that accommodation in the English High School at Neyyattinkara is insufficient and consequently great hardship is being felt;

(*b*) whether the Headmaster has reported about the same to the superior authorities, and, if so, when;

(*c*) whether the present Inspector of English Schools has forwarded any proposal or made any suggestion to the Government that the travellers' bungalow or camp-shed adjoining the same may be conveniently utilised for accommodating the girl pupils of the school up to a certain standard; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the action, if any, the Government have taken thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, on the 9th February, 1931.

(*c*) and (*d*) The Inspector of English Schools proposed to the Director that a few of the lower Forms of the School may be accommodated either in the local travellers' bungalow or in the P. W. D. Section Officer's quarters adjoining it, but the proposal was not accepted by him as it did not appear to be feasible.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know from the member, whether this proposal went up to Government and whether Government also considered it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It did not come up to Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the Director's objection to utilise the T. B. for the purpose, may I know whether the reason was that it would be inconvenient to European travellers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He said he did not consider it feasible. I think he wrote to the Inspector to the effect that the proposal did not appear to him to be feasible.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Did he state his reasons?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that the Section Officers' quarters comprises an extensive area and that he is having the quarters free of charge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information. The information is noted.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If that be so, may I know whether the Government would consider the question of utilising the Section Officers' premises for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But, will that not interfere with the T. B. itself? The two buildings seem to be in the same compound.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): No.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer will be addressed on the matter.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know also whether the Director has made any arrangement, or proposes to make any arrangement, for the present want of accommodation there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The present decision is that the school should continue as it is.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The Director does not consider the proposal, that was made to him, feasible. In that circumstance, may I know whether he has made any arrangement to meet the requirements of the school in the matter of accommodation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No special arrangement has been made. The school is to go on with the present congestion, for the time being. That is all.

Breaches in the Marukil and Vilavurkal elas in Neyyattinkara taluk.

83. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the breaches in the Marukil and Vilavurkal *elas* in the Neyyattinkara taluk and the consequent damage to the *elas*, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the ryots of the localities concerned have been moving the Government and the P. W. D. authorities for relief regarding the same;

(*b*) whether the Executive Engineer of the Trivandrum Division who was also in charge of the Chief Engineer's duties at the time personally inspected the areas affected and, if so, when; and

(*c*) whether the officer referred to in part (*b*) has submitted any report or proposals regarding the same, and, if so when?

MR. C. D. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; on the 27th Mithunam 1105.

(*c*) The Sub-Division Officer has prepared an estimate for the works and submitted it to the Executive Engineer, Trivandrum. The estimate is being scrutinised by the latter.

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